

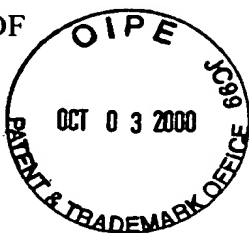
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HIRAMATSU

Appln. No.: 09/101,833

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Examiner: EVANS, G.

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Title: LASER MACHINING APPARATUS, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
FOR MANUFACTURING A MULTILAYERED PRINTED WIRING BOARD

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October 3, 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that the enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached European Search Report, dated August 8, 2000, issued in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago.

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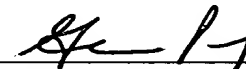
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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